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EPA Seeks Public Input on Clean Water Enforcement Action Plan Through Online Forum

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched an online discussion forum to receive public input on the future direction of the EPA's national water enforcement program. The public will be able to provide feedback through the EPA Web site, between now and Aug. 28, giving them a forum to address any concerns about the EPA's efforts to protect the water in their communities.

The forum is part of a larger agency effort to improve the performance and enhance public transparency of state and federal Clean Water Act enforcement programs. In a memo issued on July 2, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson called for stronger enforcement performance at federal and state levels and a transformation of the EPA's water quality and compliance information systems. As part of this effort, Jackson directed the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance to develop an action plan. All ideas from the public will be evaluated and considered for recommendations to Jackson about the future direction for the EPA's water enforcement program.

To comment on the action plan, visit <http://blog.epa.gov/cwaactionplan>.

EPA Helps Supermarkets Save Money, Reduce Greenhouse Gases

The EPA has quadrupled the number of participants in its voluntary program designed to reduce the use of ozone-depleting refrigerants in the nation's grocery stores. Launched in November 2007, the GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership has shown how the EPA works with supermarkets to achieve environmental goals that also help the bottom line. The program now includes more than 6,500 stores in 47 states. In 2008, partners reduced their aggregate total emissions by 8.5 percent. Compared to the supermarket industry as a whole, GreenChill partners emit significantly fewer ozone-depleting refrigerant emissions and greenhouse gases and save money at the same time.

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*The Kentucky Brownfield Program
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The [Brownfields Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of

To highlight the program's top-performing participants, GreenChill recently implemented a Store Certification Awards Program. The EPA will recognize top performers during the Food Marketing Institute's 2009 Sustainability Summit in San Francisco on Aug. 17-19.

For more information on the EPA's GreenChill Partnership, visit <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/partnerships/greenchill/index.html>.

DOW Public Hearings

The Division of Water (DOW) will hold three public hearings in August. Comments must be received by the respective section of the Division of Water no later than 4:30 p.m. ET, on the comment due date for each type of action listed.

Date: Aug. 24, 6 p.m. CT

Location: Henderson County Courthouse, Henderson

KPDES permit application--Cash Creek Generation LLC (KY0107000)

Comments due Aug. 24

Date: Aug. 25, 10 a.m. ET

Location: 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Conf. Rm. 301D, Frankfort

Proposed regulation--Water treatment plant and water distribution system classification and staffing [401 KAR 8:030](#)

Comments due by Aug. 31

Date: Aug. 25, 6 p.m. ET

Location: 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Conf. Rm. 301D, Frankfort

Proposed regulation--Surface Water Permit Fees [401 KAR 5:310](#)

Comments due by Aug. 31

Healthcare Hazardous Waste Management Workshop Offered

The Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance and the Division of Waste Management are offering a workshop to assist healthcare providers in complying with hazardous waste management. Workshop speakers will review the basic requirements applicable to hazardous waste generators. This includes registration and reporting requirements, hazardous waste determination methods, accumulation standards and transportation and disposal restrictions. Attendees will learn what to expect when a hazardous waste inspector visits the facility. Speakers will also discuss opportunities for hazardous waste generators to reduce the waste they generate and avoid being subjected to hazardous waste requirements. The workshop will be held on Sept. 9, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, at the DEP Training Center, 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601.

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact envhelp@ky.gov or call 800-926-8111. To review the agenda and registration information, see <http://www.dca.ky.gov/Training-Events/>.

Kentucky Forum on Carbon Sequestration Through Agriculture and Forestry Management

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underused, contaminated properties.



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Kentucky for the Kentucky Forum on Carbon Sequestration Through Agriculture and Forestry Management. It will focus on the opportunities and challenges that Kentucky's agriculture and forestry sectors will face in a reduced-carbon economy. The forum will be held on Sept. 10, 2009, at the Frazier International History Museum in Louisville, Ky., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT. For more information, visit www.kppc.org.

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